

Executive Director Report
November 16, 2006

Budget

- Effective July 1, 2006 postage meter was discontinued at a monthly savings of \$300 (\$3,600 annually). Additionally, received \$379.58 reimbursement for unused postage on the meter when discontinued.
- Received reimbursement from Delta Resource Conservation and Development Council in the amount of \$885 for staffing support services. Invoice in the amount of \$531 has been submitted for payment.
- The Commission's Working Landscapes grant proposal, submitted in partnership with Ducks Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy and Hart Restoration, has been approved by the Bay Delta Authority for awarding if revised. The award amount is \$800,000 (applied for \$1.2 million) for a three-year project. The Commission will receive \$20,000 over the three-year period for project management. Awaiting specifics relative to timeframes.
- Commission staff facilitated the preparation of a grant application by the Discover the Delta Foundation for Proposition 50 grant funding for construction of the Delta Discovery Visitor Center. If awarded, the Commission would receive \$4,000 for grant processing.
- Continuing to receive (or payment in process) reimbursements from Commission member entities for Strategic Planning consultant contracts. Entities whose payments are outstanding and not in progress are: San Joaquin COG (cities); Sacramento COG (cities); Boating and Waterways; and West Delta Reclamation Districts.
- Pursuing staffing resources and funding relative to Commission's participation in the Delta Visioning Process as the conduit for local government and stakeholder input.
- Department of Finance has recommended denial of the Commission Budget Change Proposal requesting \$84,000 for Strategic Plan implementation because it has the potential to negatively affect the general fund, alternative funding sources are unable to support the request, or the proposal should be addressed outside the budget process. Staff is pursuing legislative alternatives.
- Working with budget administration staff to develop budgetary summary that includes reimbursements and revenue as well as expenses for Commissioner reference.

Legislation

- Assembly Bills 797 (Wolk) and 798 (Wolk) were signed by the Governor on September 28, 2006, and Senate Bill 1556 (Torlakson) was signed by the Governor on September 30, 2006.
- Consistent with the Commission Strategic Plan, staff has submitted three legislative concepts to the Resources Agency Legislative Director: (1) addition of a transportation representative on the Commission; (2) amending the Delta Protection Act to provide for

voting member alternates; and (3) providing for funding support of the Commission budget by State agency member entities, including an increase in the budget by \$112,000 to provide for effective implementation of the Strategic Plan and participation in the Delta Visioning process. Concept (2) has been approved for further processing.

- Met with Assemblywoman Wolk to discuss future funding and project opportunities for Commission.

Commission Membership

- Pursuant to AB 797, the Commission memberships will increase to 23 effective January 1, 2007. Three of the additional members, to be appointed by the Governor, will be stakeholder residents of the Delta with interests in agriculture, habitat and recreation. The fourth member will be the Delta representative on the Bay Delta Authority.
- Several member representatives may be new, effective January 1, 2006, as a result of local elections, state agency reorganizations, and retirements.

Projects/Facilitation

- Joined Commissioner Reagan to attend the Delta Dredging LTMS Executive Committee kick off meeting/press conference.
- Relative to the Delta Vision Process, staff has participated in weekly Vision Core Team meetings, workshop sessions, and has provided input to the Center for Collaborative Policy relative to other visioning processes underway and local entity contacts. The Delta Vision Process Executive Officer and the Commission's Executive Officer have developed an open channel of communication.
- At the request of Undersecretary Scarborough, facilitated a presentation to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan Steering Committee by representatives of the five county conservation programs (HCP and/or NCCP).
- Continuing to facilitate discussions to address potential hurdles to completion of North Delta Improvement Program environmental review process, including long-term ownership and vessel impediments.
- Staff attended the Yolo County Board of Supervisors meeting relative to the Old Sugar Mill project.
- Staff assisted in planning and facilitation of Delta Resource Conservation and Development Council visioning session.

Public Affairs/Outreach

- Made power point presentation about the Commission to the Solano County Board of Supervisors on October 10, 2006, Bay Delta Authority on October 12, 2006 and Yolo County Board of Supervisors on November 14, 2006. Presentations are scheduled for San Joaquin County on November 21, 2006, Sacramento County on December 6, 2006. Scheduling is underway for presentations to Contra Costa.

- Participated in Water Resources Department Delta tour and provided input from Commission perspective.
- Made a presentation about the Commission to CALFED staff (Delta tour).
- Met with Director and Deputy Director of Department of Conservation to discuss potential partnerships relative to conservation easements.
- Participated in weekly Resource Agency Public Information Team meetings and discussions.
- Participated in weekly meetings of the Discover the Delta Foundation Board of Directors relative to completing a strategic plan for the Foundation.
- Made presentation about the DPC to the Antioch Sportsman Yacht Club in Contra Costa County.